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 DATE: 22 JULY 1974  
 SUBJECT: WEST GERMAN PRESIDENT SIGNS LEGISLATION FOR ENVIRONMENTAL OFFICE

PRESIDENT SCHEEL YESTERDAY SIGNED THE LEGISLATION FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A FEDERAL ENVIRONMENTAL OFFICE IN WEST BERLIN.

HIS FAILURE TO SIGN LAST WEEK, AS ORIGINALLY SCHEDULED, MAY HAVE PROMPTED THE SOVIETS AND EAST GERMANS TO REITERATE THEIR STRONG OPPOSITION TO THIS DEVELOPMENT LAST WEEKEND.

EMPLOYEES OF THE NEW OFFICE WILL ENCOUNTER PROBLEMS WHEN THEY TRY TO USE THE AUTOBANN ROUTES TO TRAVEL TO WEST GERMANY OR WHEN THEY WANT TO MAKE SHORT VISITS TO THE GDR. BONN AND THE WEST BERLIN SENATE MAY CONSIDER AUTHORIZING A FORM OF PERSONAL DOCUMENTATION THAT

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DOES NOT DISCLOSE THE SPECIFIC NATURE OF EMPLOYMENT WITH THE  
FEDERAL GOVERNMENT.

SOVIET OFFICIALS IN BONN INDIRECTLY SUGGESTED THIS LOOPHOLE WHEN  
THEY STATED THAT THE STAFF MEMBERS OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL AGENCY  
WOULD NOT BE HINDERED IN THEIR TRAVEL AS LONG AS THEY DID NOT  
CLEARLY DISCLOSE THE NATURE OF THEIR EMPLOYMENT.

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